

the horse grenadiers of the Guard in support. The Old Guard advanced with the bayonet against the enemy's columns on the heights of Bussy, and in an instant covered the field of battle with dead. At ten o'clock the battle was over and we were in possession of the field.

17th, near Ligny, *11 A. M.* .-

(To Grouchy.) While I start after the English, you must pursue the Prussians.

On the road from Quatre Bras to Genappe,
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Fire! fire! they are the English!

6 P. if., Farm of the Belle Alliance:

The Emperor orders that the army be ready to attack at nine in the morning.

18th, Battlefield of Waterloo:

8.30 A.M.:

There are ninety chances in our favour.

I tell you Wellington is a bad general, the English are bad soldiers; we will settle the matter by lunch time.

(Soult: I sincerely hope so!)

(Order.) As soon as the army is in position, about one o'clock, when the Emperor gives the order to Marshal Ney, the attack will commence for capturing the village of Mont Saint Jean, where the crossroads are. Count d'Erlon will open the attack.

At three in the afternoon the Emperor ordered the Guard forward to the plateau which the 1st corps had occupied at the beginning of the battle. The Prussian division, the advance of which was anticipated, opened fire on the skirmishers of Count de Lobau along all our right flank.